

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## UNU-WIDER Project Workshop

# ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND CONFLICT

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INCORE, University of Ulster, Londonderry, Northern Ireland

Entrepreneurs are often adversely affected by violent conflict such as civil war. At the same time though entrepreneurs may contribute to or even benefit from violent conflict and other 'destructive' and 'unproductive' activities that limit economic development. Whatever the direction of causality, entrepreneurs can be found at the heart of all violent conflicts and at the centre of post-war reconstruction and development.

Surprisingly, the nature of the relationship between entrepreneurship and violent conflict is relatively neglected in academic research.

Therefore, the purpose of this workshop is to deliberate on the nature of entrepreneurship and conflict, exploring how entrepreneurship should be promoted for the establishment and maintenance of peace, security, and development. A special session will focus on the case of Northern Ireland.

### WORKSHOP TOPICS

- How do institutions affect the allocation of entrepreneurship towards activities that may generate violent conflict and activities which may constrain economic growth and development?
- Do entrepreneurial activities sustain civil war and organized crime?
- How does violent conflict influence the decision to become an entrepreneur?
- Do small firms bear the brunt of violent conflict?
- Does war disproportionately affect women entrepreneurs?
- What is the nature of informal entrepreneurship in conflict?
- How does entrepreneurial rent-seeking, corruption, and crime affect economic growth?

### SUBMISSION

Submission of paper abstracts are invited.

The deadline for abstracts is **5 January 2009**. Abstracts, accompanied by a CV, should be submitted to [entrepreneur3@wider.unu.edu](mailto:entrepreneur3@wider.unu.edu).

Preference will be given to original papers since those selected will be considered for inclusion in a publication.

Applicants will be notified by the end of January 2009 whether or not their submission has been successful. For accepted applicants, full papers will be required by **23 February 2009**.

UNU-WIDER may cover travel and accommodation costs of participants whose papers have been selected, within UN-regulations. There is no registration fee.

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